



Toward Elimination

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Third Annual HAI Grantees Meeting at CDC

The third annual HAI Grantees Meeting is being held in Atlanta at the CDC Roybal campus on October 20th and 21st. This meeting will provide updates on the progress of state HAI prevention efforts and related activities, as well as future directions toward HAI elimination. In addition, the conference will provide the opportunity for state HAI Coordinators to continue to collaborate with coordinators from other states and key public health partners.

If you are an appointed CDC-sponsored guest, a reservation will be automatically made in your name for the nights of October 19th and 20th at the [Emory Inn](#). You do not have to make any arrangements yourself.

If you are not an appointed CDC-sponsored guest and would still like to attend, a block of hotel rooms has been reserved for October 19th and 20st, at the special rate of \$105.00 (plus tax). Please note: **reservations need to be made no later than Friday, September 30th, or before the group block is sold out.** Details regarding the room block and other travel-related information are provided in the “Non-Sponsored Traveler Letter” which can be found on the [Web-based registration system](#).

HHS Meeting: State-Level Partners Collaborating to Eliminate Healthcare-Associated Infections

Registration is now open for the State-Level Partners Collaborating to Eliminate Healthcare-Associated Infections meeting being held September 15th and 16th, in Dallas, Texas. This two-day meeting is being coordinated by the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\) Office of Healthcare Quality \(OHQ\)](#).

At no cost to the state, OHQ is inviting State HAI Coordinators to attend the meeting.

Please use the following link to register:
<http://www.palladianpartners.com/DallasStateHAIMtg/>.

If you have any questions regarding the content of the meeting, please contact Amber Taylor at amber.taylor@hhs.gov or 202.205.8179.

Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems (IPPS) Final Rule

On August 1, 2011, the IPPS Final Rule was posted on the [Office of the Federal Register Website](#). This rule makes final the reporting requirements for [surgical site infections \(SSI\)](#) associated with colon and abdominal hysterectomy procedures, as well as [catheter-associated urinary tract infections \(CAUTI\)](#) from acute care hospitals. The rule takes effect January 2012. It also finalizes reporting requirements for [MRSA bacteremia](#), [C. difficile](#) LabID Events, and healthcare worker Influenza vaccination from acute care hospitals starting in January 2013. In addition, the rule makes final the reporting of CAUTIs from inpatient rehabilitation facilities starting in October 2012.

For more information, visit [Office of the Federal Register Website](#).

Emergency Water Supply Planning (EWSP) Guide for Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities

Healthcare facilities are a critical component to a community's response and recovery following an emergency or disaster such as an earthquake, hurricane, or fire. The resiliency of the community depends on healthcare facilities and other critical infrastructure sectors to maintain their water capabilities during these incidents.

CDC's Healthy Water Program recently released the [Emergency Water Supply Planning \(EWSP\) Guide for Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities](#). This comprehensive and detailed guide, developed through a collaborative effort between the [American Water Works Association](#) and CDC, was created to help healthcare facilities develop a robust emergency water supply plan as part of their overall Emergency Operations Plans.

For more information, visit the [CDC Healthy Water Website](#).

ELC/EIP Grantee Calls

There are no scheduled ELC/EIP grantee calls for August. Calls will resume in September.

Additional details are forthcoming.